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SUBJECT: VISIT OF OLIN AND FRIA OFFICIALS

1. OLIN GENERAL COUNSEL FRAZIER SCOTT TODAY INFORMED DEPTOFF THAT OLIN ALUMINUM PRESIDENT GILL MOTT AND FRIA PRESIDENT MARCHANDISE ARRIVING CONAKRY MAY 31 FROM PARIS FOR THREE DAY VISIT TO DISCUSS COMPANY PROBLEMS WITH HIGH GOG OFFICIALS.
2. MOTT AND MARCHANDISE PARTICULARLY DESIROUS SEE PRESIDENT TOURE IN LIGHT SERIOUS PROBLEMS ARISING AS AFTERMATH RAIL ACCIDENT. SITUATION HIGHLIGHTED BY ISMAEL TOURE' S SPEECH TO FRIA WORKERS IN WHICH HE LAID ENTIRE BLAME FOR ACCIDENT ON SHORTCOMINGS FRIA MANAGEMENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY IMPOSED SHERIF MAMADOU AS NEW FRIA GENERAL MANAGER BEGINNING JANUARY 1974. FRIA PREPARED ACCEPT GUINEAN NATIONAL AS DIRECTOR GENERAL BUT PRESENT MANAGEMENT FEELS SHERIF NOT YET FULLY QUALIFIED AND HAD DIFFERENT CANDIDATE IN MIND.
3. GIVEN FACT FRIA NOW OPERATING AT LOSS FOR FIRST TIME IN 15 YEAR HISTORY, PROBLEM SUCH AS FOREGOING COMBINED

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WITH ISMAEL' S DESIRE HAVE COMPANY PAVE ROAD TO KIMBO AND
BUILD AIRFIELD, REQUIRES SOLUTION BEFORE FINAL FORMATION
FRIGUIA ACCORDING SCOTT.

4. MOTT PLANS CALL ON AMBASSADOR PRIOR DEPARTING
CONAKRY JUNE 3 BUT EXACT TIME DEPENDS ON LOCAL SCHEDULE
NOT YET WORKED OUT. RUSH

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